

THE STORY OF THE YEAR.

SPRING.

No matter what the almanac may say,
The year begins with the first month
of Spring
When snowdrifts into rivulets slip away,
And blue birds of the coming violet
sing:
When March winds sweep the stairway
of the rocks
From rubbish heaps of Autumn-leafage
clear;
And the sun turns back from the equinox
To welcome and lead home the baby
Year.

The baby's name is Spring. Around her
feet
Quaint ferns their scrolls unroll, and
mosses rare
With coral fairy-cups steal down to meet
Her winsome footsteps on the wood-
land stair.

SUMMER.

Three breezy steps, and on a sunlit floor
Bordered with daisies, roses and green
grass,
The maiden Year, at Summer's open
door
Hears music summoning up a moun-
tain pass.

And on she climbs; soft strains the
thickets thrill;
Elusive fairy visions flit beyond;
The forest-path invites her upward still;
Light tendrils cling to her, with
touches fond.

O the enchanted world! O youth! O
June!
No wonder that the heart cannot forget
Those morning melodies, that first-
learned tune!
Through deepening harmonies they
haunt her yet!

AUTUMN.

A woman, moving up the orchard-slope,
With even gait, and steady, seeking
eyes.
Autumn, that ripens all things, ripens
hope;
Trees bear fruit every month, in
Paradise.

September, standing on her golden round
Of the year's ladder, 'mid her vintage-
leaves,
Hears through her harvest-fields a wail
resound;
Her starving sisters begging for her
sheaves.

Autumn did but enrich herself to give;
And, scattering blessings, see her now
depart,
Whispering that on life's hills 'twas
sweet to live,
While Indian Summer sunshine
warmed her heart.

WINTER.

December's sun is low; the Year is old:
Through fallen leaves and flying flakes
of snow,
The aged pilgrim climbs the mountain
cold.
But look! the summits in the after-
glow!

The fierce winds hold their breath: the
rocks give way:
The stars look down to guide her up
the height:
And all around her lonely footsteps play
Auroral waves of spiritual light.

Nothing before her but the peak, the sky!
Nothing? Ah, look! beyond is every-
thing!
Over these mountains greener valleys lie;
A happier New Year, an eternal
Spring!

—Lucy Larcom, in Portland Transcript.

RAISING GOOD STOCK.

All breeds of cattle are just what
their respective breeders make out
of them, the care and attention they
receive being the most important
element of success. The old saying
that "There is more in feed than
there is in breed," is quite true and
shows itself remarkably so with
young cattle just developing their
different qualities of utility and real
value.

All the small animals on the farm
and even the fowls show the bad
effect of neglect quite plainly, but
not so much so as do the larger ani-
mals. The only proper way is to
begin well in the start, when the
animal is young, and keep it up un-
til the animal is fully matured.

The manner in which calves are
raised has more to do with their

usefulness in after life, and has more
influence in all respects than the
parent stock does, no matter what
breed they are from. In other
words the feed and care the animal
receives has a more important effect
on their future usefulness than the
parent stock does. Probably the
worst mistake with raising calves,
and one which is very easy to make
is that of overfeeding. Breeders as
a rule, are very desirous of securing
large size in proportion to the ani-
mal's age, and in their eagerness to
force the young stock to early ma-
turity they are liable to overdo the
matter. By having their young ani-
mals large in proportion to their
age they make an excellent showing
at the fairs and exhibitions, and as
this is just what so many are striv-
ing for it is an easy habit to fall
into.

We all know that a cow can be
forced to astonish us with her yield
of milk for a short time, by over-
feeding and being pampered with,
but the relapse occasioned by this pro-
cess of management soon shows that
it is not profitable in the end, and it is
even worse with young stock as
they are oftentimes permanently in-
jured, and sometimes show the bad
results and disastrous effect of over-
feeding as long as they live. They
are generally stunted and grow up
to be shapeless cows that hardly pay
for their food and care.

When calves are over-fed it hurts
their digestive organs and loads up
the system with injurious matter,
and as a consequence, the indiges-
tion generally causes diarrhoea and
oftentimes reduces the weight previ-
ously gained. It is such treatment
that produces the stunted shapeless
animals with which the country is
supplied. Absolute cleanliness and
warm comfortable quarters in Win-
ter are indispensable to the health
and general thrift of the young
stock. Regularity is also an impor-
tant feature with both old and
young stock. They should be fed at
the same time each day, and with
the intervals between the meals as
near even as possible.

In changing the diet of young
animals, which is necessary at dif-
ferent times during their early life
be very careful to do it gradually,
for a sudden change of diet is nearly
as bad as over-feeding and will sure-
ly stunt their growth and also leave
other bad results. Always aim to
feed the young stock on strengthening
food which will produce
bone and muscle and a large frame
is thus secured which is always
desirable to have.—G. F. M., in
Breeders' Journal.

TO PREVENT DIPHTHERIA.

The Ohio State Board of health
have published a pamphlet, which
urges the strict observance of the
following rules:

1. When a child has sore throat
with fever, especially when diphthe-
ria is present in the neighbor-
hood, it should be kept apart from
others until a competent physician
has determined it is not diphtheria.
2. When a person is known to be
sick with diphtheria, he should be
immediately separated from all oth-
ers, excepting his attendants, and
removed to a room which should be
specially prepared for his occupa-
ncy.
3. This room should be prepared
by removing from it all superfluous
furniture, carpets, books, window
curtains, and all similar articles not
needed in the room. It should be
as remote as possible from the fam-
ily rooms—preferably in the upper
story—and care should be taken to
secure an abundance of fresh air,
without exposing the patient to
direct drafts.
4. No one should be admitted
to the sick room except the nec-
essary attendants and nurses.
5. No food or drink which has
been in the sick room should be par-
taken of by the well. The dishes
carried in should be washed sepa-
rately.
6. Under no circumstances should
the bedclothes or the patient's body
linen be mixed with the other soiled
clothing, or be admitted to the gen-
eral wash, without being first thor-
oughly disinfected.
7. All persons recovering from
diphtheria are dangerous and should
not be permitted to attend school,
church or public assembly, until, in
the judgment of a careful physician
they are no longer a source of con-
tagion.
8. No public funeral should be
held of any person dying of diphthe-
ria. In no case should any child be
permitted to attend.

DWARF TREES.

The Japanese are celebrated for
the reducing the monarchs of the
forest into dwarfs that may be con-
tained in a small flower pot. We
have seen oaks from these countries
said to be more than 100 years old
that were not more than from eight-
teen to thirty inches high. How it
may be done in an amateur way is
as follows:

Select a sound white oak acorn in
January or February, plant it in
rich earth in a flower pot, keep it in
a warm place and well watered. In
the spring the little oak will make
its appearance, and will require no
care except watering and will with-
stand the winter if not exposed to
too hard freezes. If the tap root is
cut off in the early part of next
spring, it will continue to grow and
put out branches but will not get
much taller; and by cutting back the
central roots that will spring
from the base of the tap root every
spring, a few years will produce a
diminutive little oak, a fac simile in
appearance to the lord of the hard
woods.

DOUGLASS MIXTURE.

Fanny Field and other authorities
on the diseases of poultry recom-
mend what is known as Douglass
Mixture for chicken cholera, roup,
canker, leg weakness, diarrhoea, etc.
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this useful medicine is made. We
therefore give the recipe as found in
Our Poultry Doctor, the book
recently issued by Fanny Field:

To one gallon of soft water add
one-half pound of common copperas;
when the copperas is dissolved add
one-half ounce of sulphuric acid.
Keep corked in a jug.

This remedy is also recommended
for healthy laying fowls and growing
chicks two or three times a week,
at the rate of a tablespoonful in a
quart of water. This is a preventive
of disease.

—An expert says in relation to
bees, the estimated annual produc-
tion ranges from \$15,000,000 to \$20,-
000,000 and the annual product of
wax is about \$1,000,000 in value.
Not more than 8 or 10 per cent. of
those favorably situated for the pro-
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lowing Schedule will be operated on this
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Arrive at Charlotte at.....7:30 A. M.
Leave Charlotte at.....8:15 P. M.
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Arrive at Wilmington at.....8:25 A. M.

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Arrive at Laurinburg at.....8:45 P. M.
Leave Laurinburg at.....6:15 A. M.
Arrive at Charlotte at.....4:40 P. M.
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Arrive at Laurinburg at.....5:00 P. M.
Leave Laurinburg at.....5:30 A. M.
Arrive at Wilmington at.....5:40 P. M.

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Condensed Time Table No. 13.

TRAIN NORTH.

	Arrive.	Leave.
Bennettsville.....	8:20 a. m.	
Shoe Heel.....	9:40 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
Fayetteville.....	12:40 p. m.	12:45 p. m.
Sanford.....	2:25 p. m.	2:35 p. m.
Ore Hill.....	3:43 p. m.	
Liberty.....	4:37 p. m.	
Greensboro.....	6:00 p. m.	

Dinner at Fayetteville.

TRAIN SOUTH.

	Arrive.	Leave.
Greensboro.....		9:50 a. m.
Liberty.....		11:50 a. m.
Ore Hill.....		12:00 m.
Sanford.....	1:20 p. m.	1:45 p. m.
Fayetteville.....	3:50 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
Shoe Heel.....	6:05 p. m.	6:15 p. m.
Bennettsville.....	7:30 p. m.	

Dinner at Sanford.

Freight and Passenger Train leaves Ben-
nettsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Shoe Heel at 4:30 p. m.,
and at Fayetteville at 8 p. m.

Leaves Fayetteville on Tuesdays, Thurs-
days and Saturdays at 6:30 a. m., Shoe Heel at
10 a. m., and arrives at Bennettsville at 12 m.

Freight and Passenger Train North leaves
Fayetteville daily at 8 a. m., (connecting at
Sanford with Freight and Passenger Trains to
Raleigh), leaving Sanford at 11:30 a. m., and
arriving at Greensboro at 5:40 p. m.

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